

A 40-DAY FAITH EXPERIENCE

HEALER

Why 40 Days?

Number “forty” + (time period) is mentioned 146 times in Scripture.

It symbolizes trial and testing, probation, or the fulfillment of promises.

40 Days in the Bible

- For disciples of Jesus, 40 Days was a time of testing and growing one's faith; spiritual stretching
- Jesus fasted for 40 days in the wilderness while being tempted by the devil (Matthew 3:17 & 4:1-2)
- Jesus was on the earth 40 days after His crucifixion (Acts 1:3)

Our Prayer

“Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved, for you are
my praise.” Jeremiah 17:14

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H Help me!

E Enlighten me!

A Accept me!

L Listen to me!

E Enable me!

R Restore me!

A Accompany me!

How can I walk
with God?



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Have you ever sinned against
God and longed for forgiveness
and spiritual **restoration**?

David and Bathsheba

2 Samuel 11

Then it happened in the spring, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. 2 Samuel 11:1

- King David is about 50 years old at this time, about 35 years after the defeat of Goliath
- “It is all too often the case that a sense of ease and security is the prelude to spiritual and moral failure.”

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IN THE TIME OF DAVID

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Lake
Galilee
River
Jordan

Aramean
Tribes

Kingdom
of Ammon

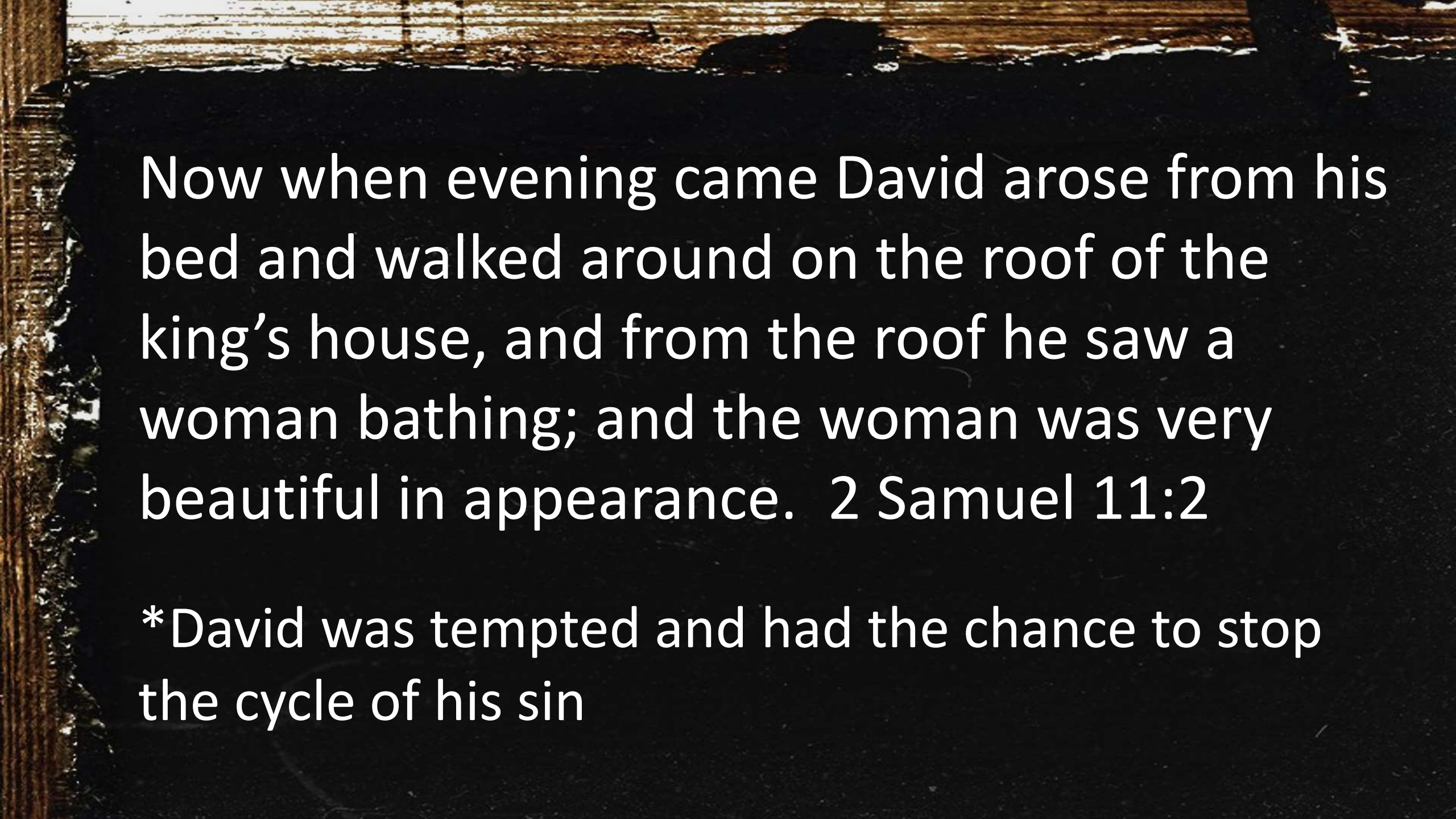
Rabbath-Ammon

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Jerusalem

Dead
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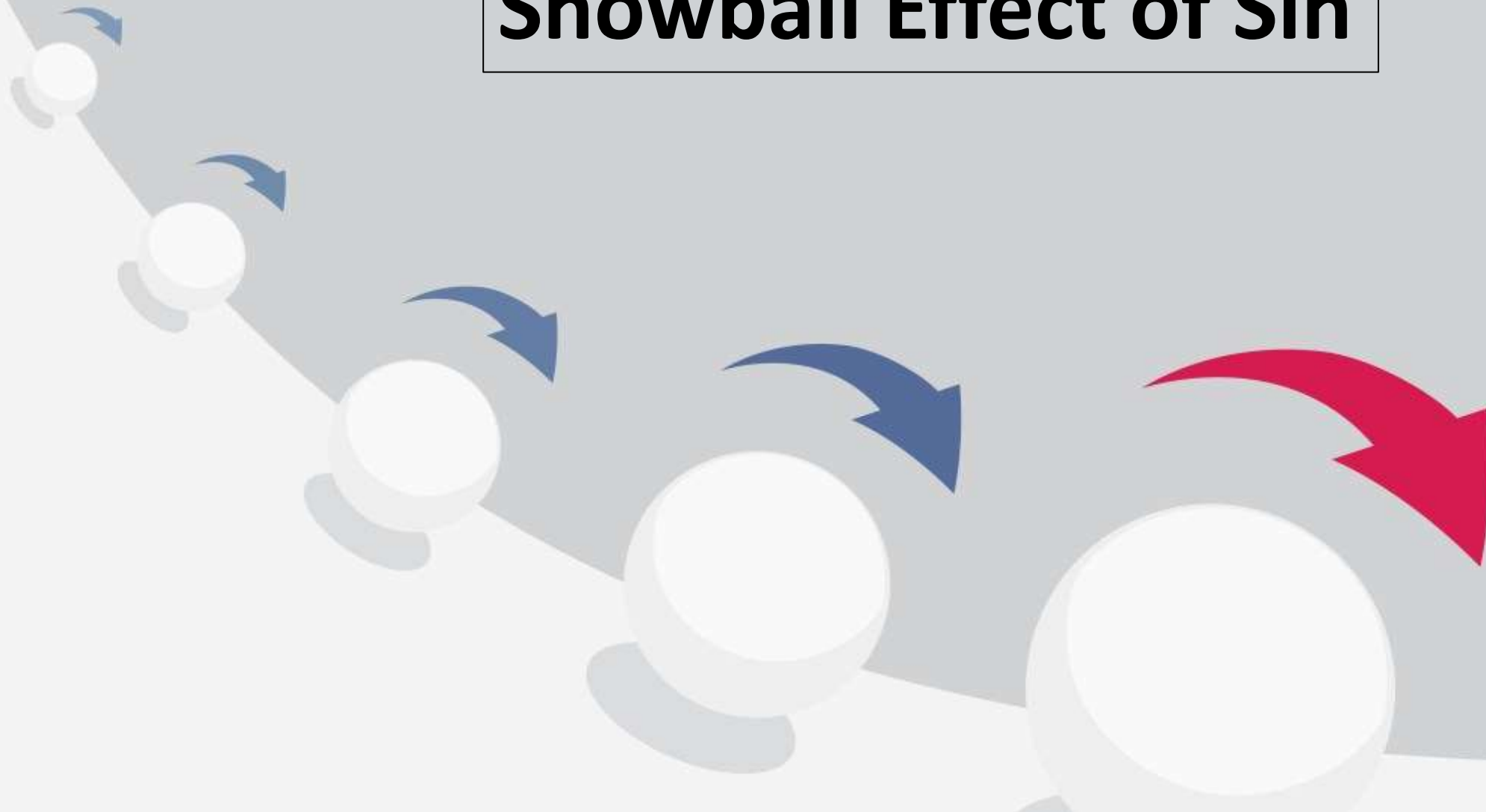
The destruction of Rabbah was the last of David's conquests. His kingdom now reached its farthest limits (2 Samuel 8:1–15; 1 Chronicles 18:1–15).



Now when evening came David arose from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance. 2 Samuel 11:2

*David was tempted and had the chance to stop the cycle of his sin

Snowball Effect of Sin



Have
you
ever
felt
this
way?

So David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" David sent messengers and took her, and when she came to him, he lay with her; and when she had purified herself from her uncleanness, she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "I am pregnant." 2 Samuel 11:3-5

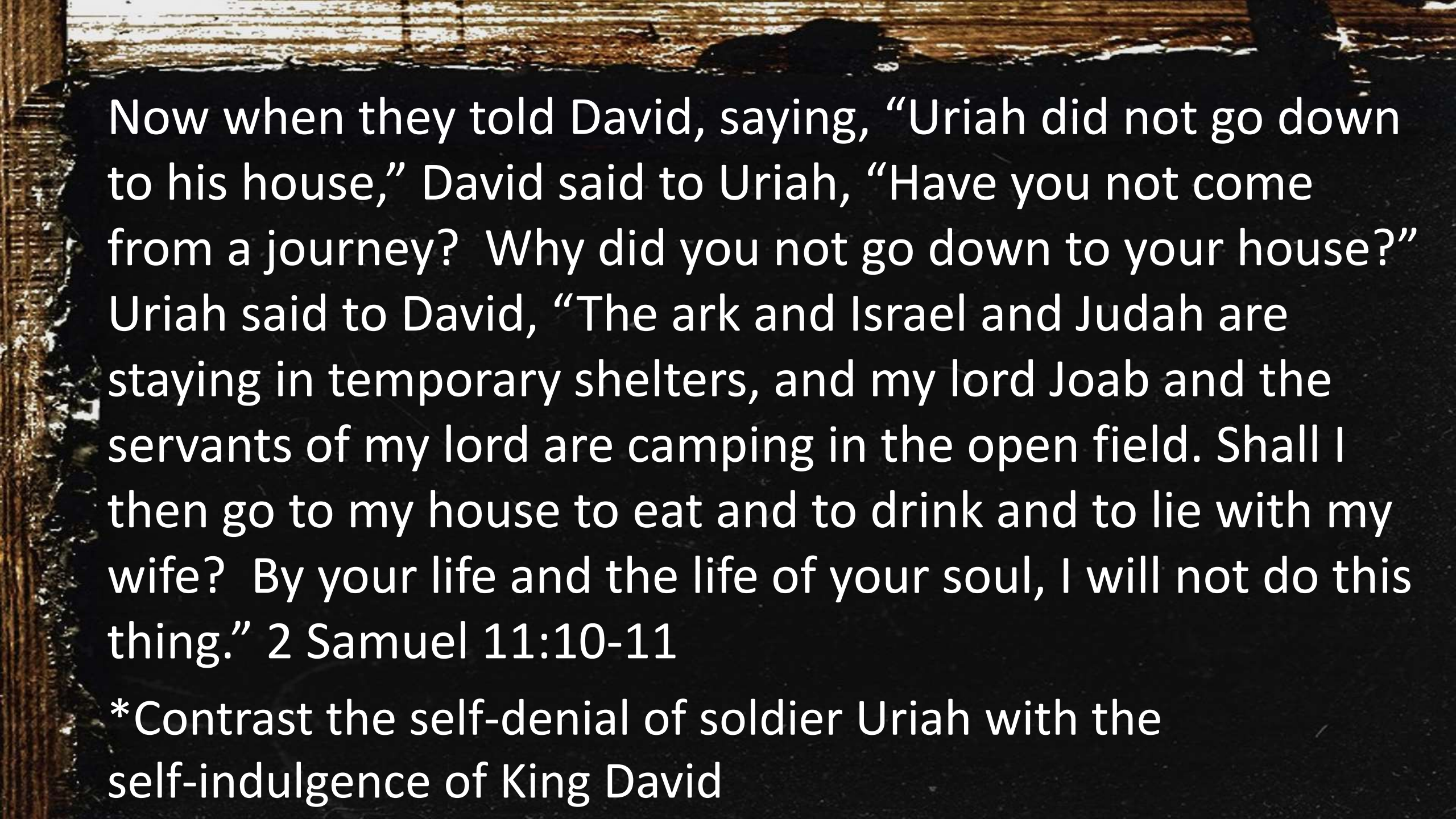
*Eliam (Bathsheba's father) and Uriah (Bathsheba's husband) were two of David's thirty special warriors (see 2 Samuel 23:34, 39)

Every person is vulnerable to sin

God said to Saul, "But now your kingdom shall not endure. The Lord has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." 1 Samuel 13:14

"But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death." James 1:14-15

Then David sent to Joab, saying, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." So Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked concerning the welfare of Joab and the people and the state of the war. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and a present from the king was sent out after him. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. 2 Samuel 11:6-9



Now when they told David, saying, “Uriah did not go down to his house,” David said to Uriah, “Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?” Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in temporary shelters, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? By your life and the life of your soul, I will not do this thing.” 2 Samuel 11:10-11

*Contrast the self-denial of soldier Uriah with the self-indulgence of King David

Then David said to Uriah, "Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you go." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. Now David called him, and he ate and drank before him, and he made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his bed with his lord's servants, but he did not go down to his house. 2 Samuel 11:12-13

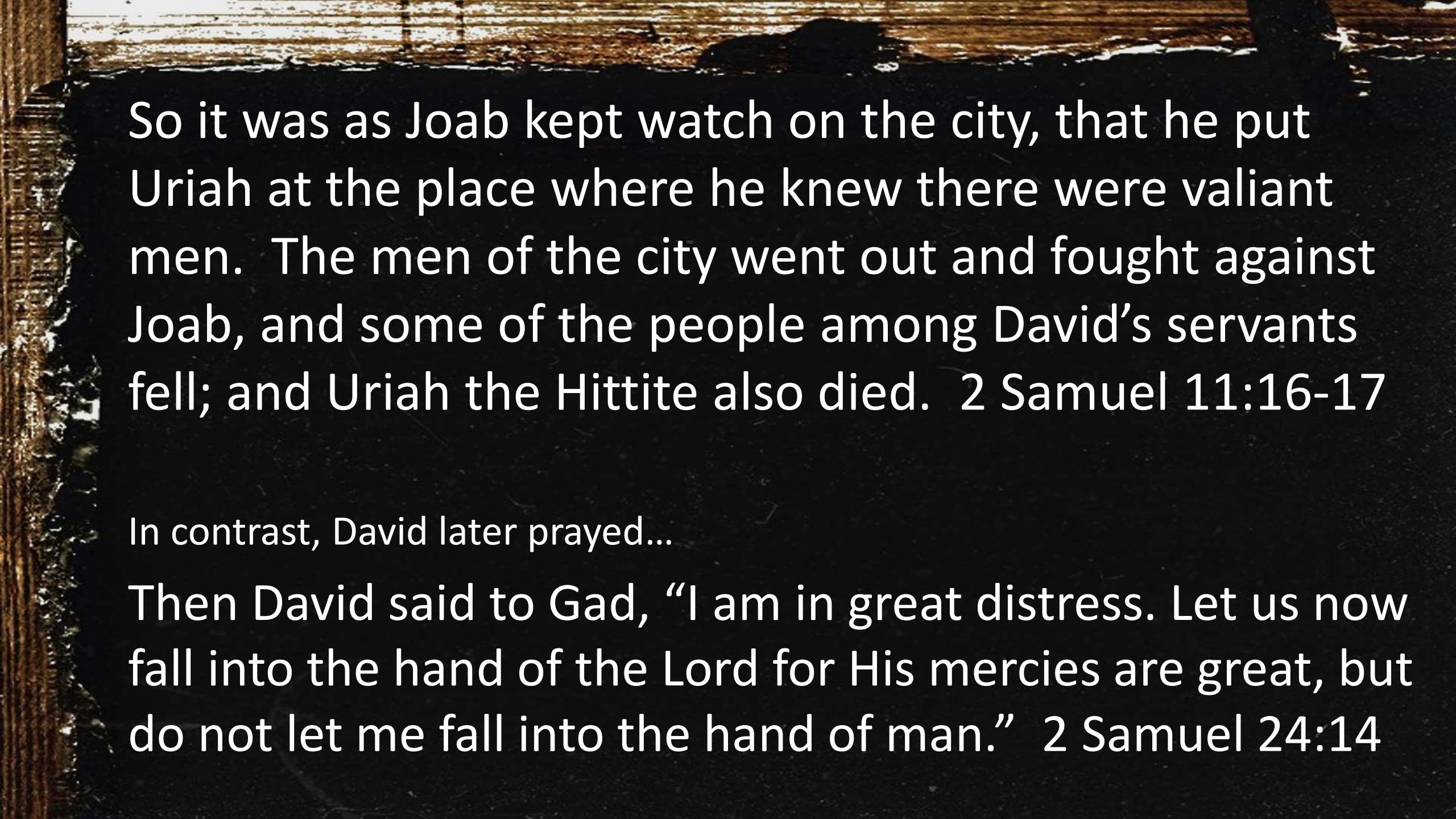
"Woe to you who make your neighbors drink, who mix in your venom even to make them drunk so as to look on their nakedness!" Habakkuk 2:15

Now in the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. He had written in the letter, saying, "Place Uriah in the front line of the fiercest battle and withdraw from him, so that he may be struck down and die." 2 Samuel 11:14-15

*"Adulteries have often occasioned murders, and one wickedness must be covered and secured with another. The beginnings of sin are therefore to be dreaded; for who knows where they will end?"

– Matthew Henry Commentary

*The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense; he who would destroy himself does it. Proverbs 6:32

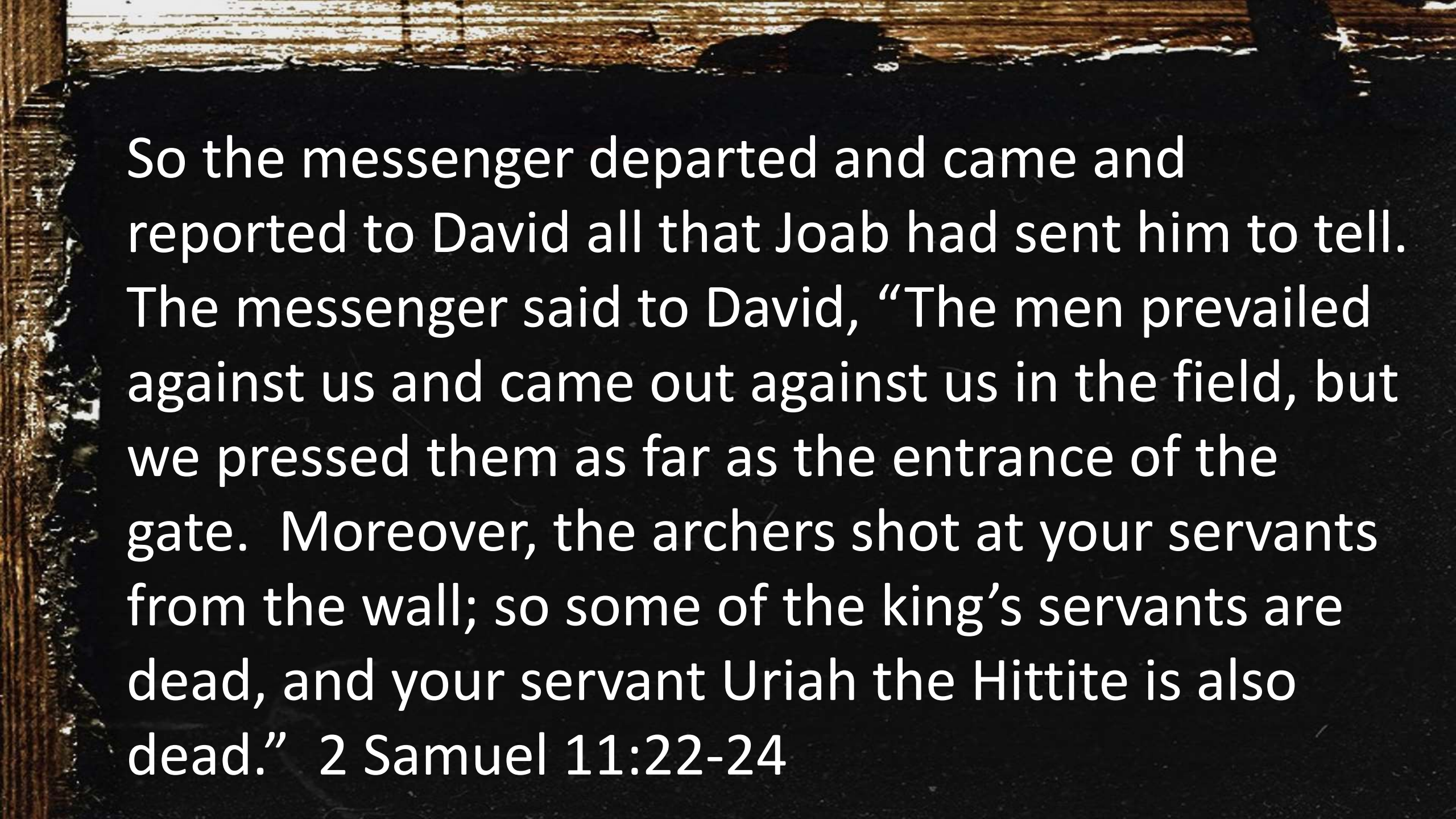


So it was as Joab kept watch on the city, that he put Uriah at the place where he knew there were valiant men. The men of the city went out and fought against Joab, and some of the people among David's servants fell; and Uriah the Hittite also died. 2 Samuel 11:16-17

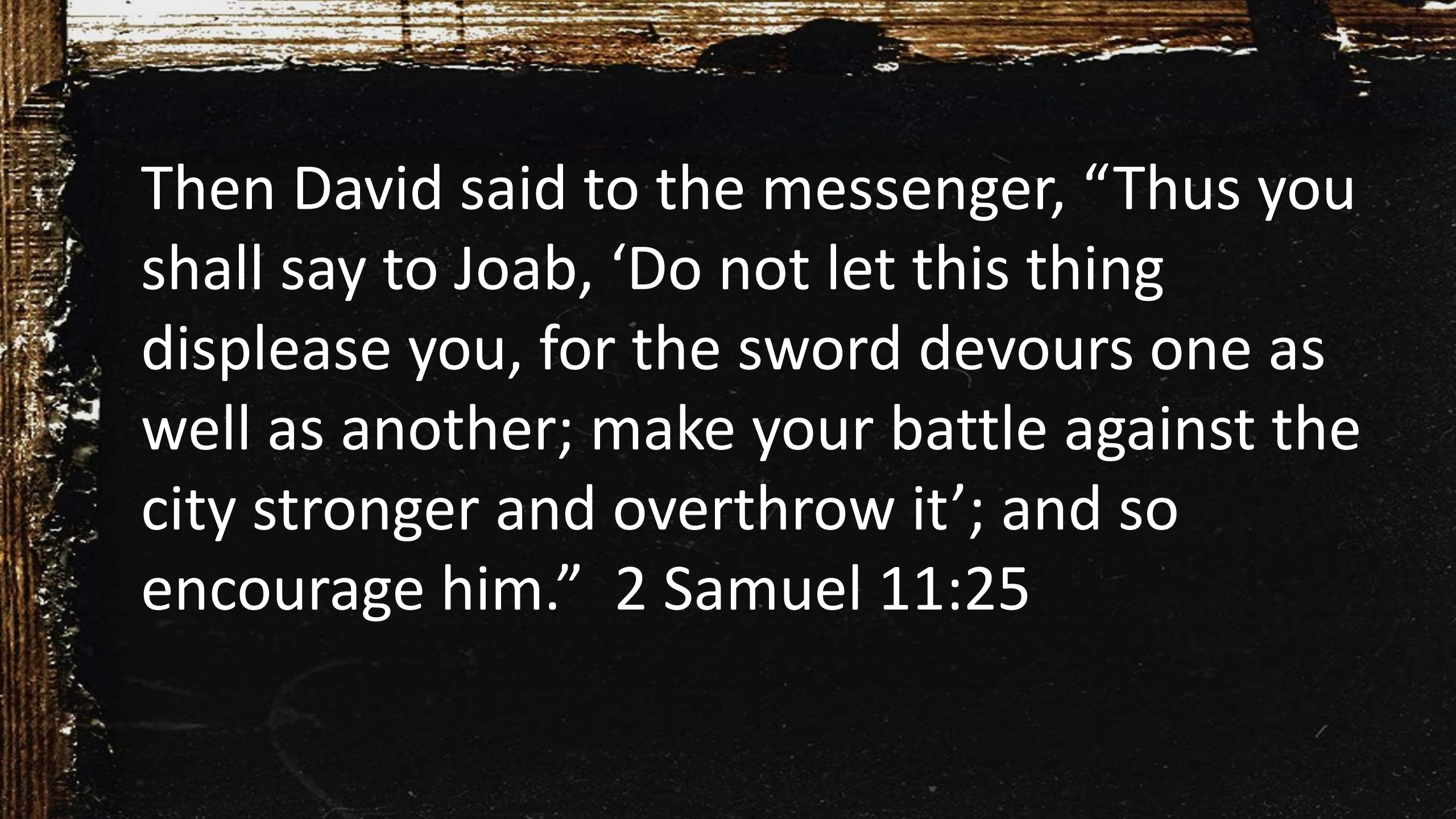
In contrast, David later prayed...

Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let us now fall into the hand of the Lord for His mercies are great, but do not let me fall into the hand of man." 2 Samuel 24:14

Then Joab sent and reported to David all the events of the war. He charged the messenger, saying, “When you have finished telling all the events of the war to the king, and if it happens that the king’s wrath rises and he says to you, ‘Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall? Who struck down Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman throw an upper millstone on him from the wall so that he died at Thebez? [See Judges 9:50-53] Why did you go so near the wall?’—then you shall say, ‘Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.’ ” 2 Samuel 11:18-21



So the messenger departed and came and reported to David all that Joab had sent him to tell. The messenger said to David, "The men prevailed against us and came out against us in the field, but we pressed them as far as the entrance of the gate. Moreover, the archers shot at your servants from the wall; so some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead." 2 Samuel 11:22-24



Then David said to the messenger, “Thus you shall say to Joab, ‘Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another; make your battle against the city stronger and overthrow it’; and so encourage him.” 2 Samuel 11:25

Now when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. When the time of mourning was over [7 days according to Genesis 50:10], David sent and brought her to his house and she became his wife; then she bore him a son. But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the Lord. 2 Samuel 11:26-27

*This baby boy died soon after childbirth

10 Commandments

Exodus 20:3-17

1. You shall have no other gods before Me (v. 3)
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol (v. 4)
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain (v. 7)
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy (v. 8)
5. Honor your father and mother (v. 12)
6. You shall not murder (v. 13)
7. You shall not commit adultery (v. 14)
8. You shall not steal (v. 15)
9. You shall not bear false witness (v. 16)
10. You shall not covet (v. 17)

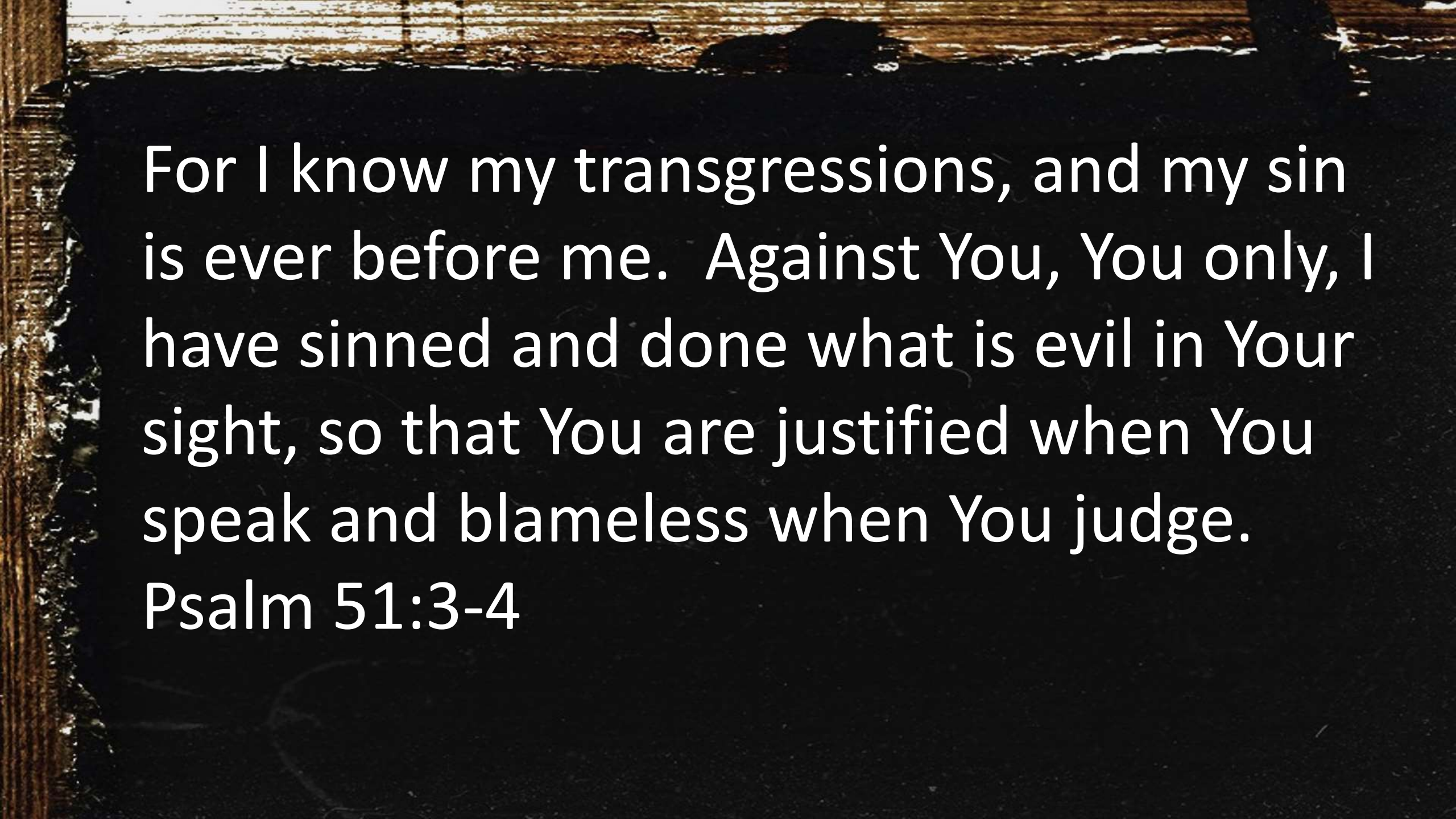
**Seeking Restoration?
A Prayer of Repentance**

Psalm 51

Be gracious to me, O God [אלהים *Elohim*],
according to Your lovingkindness [חֶסֶד *hesed*];
according to the greatness of Your
compassion blot out [erase the records] my
transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from
my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

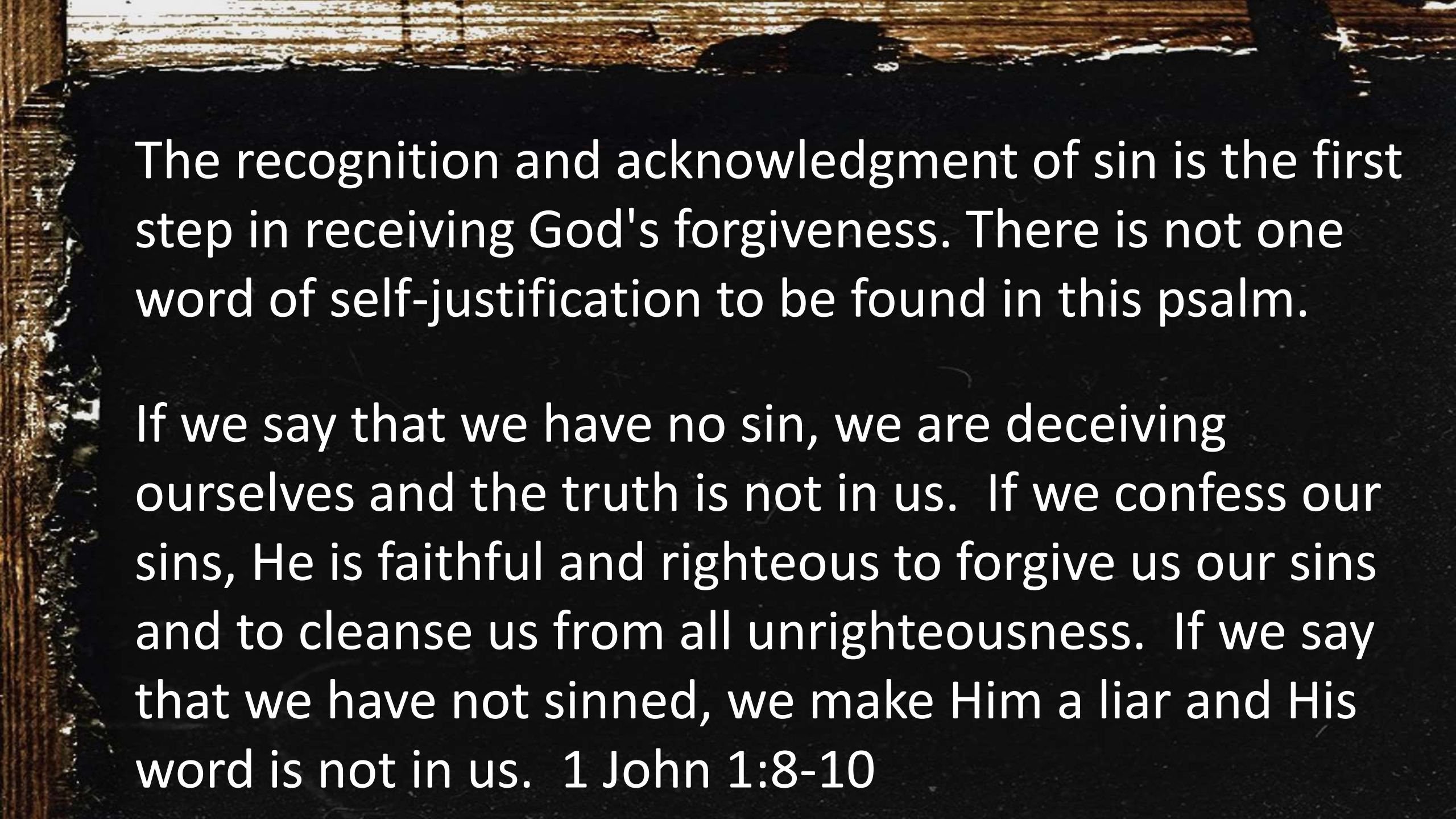
Psalms 51:1-2

*Transgressions, Iniquity, Sin = seeking total forgiveness



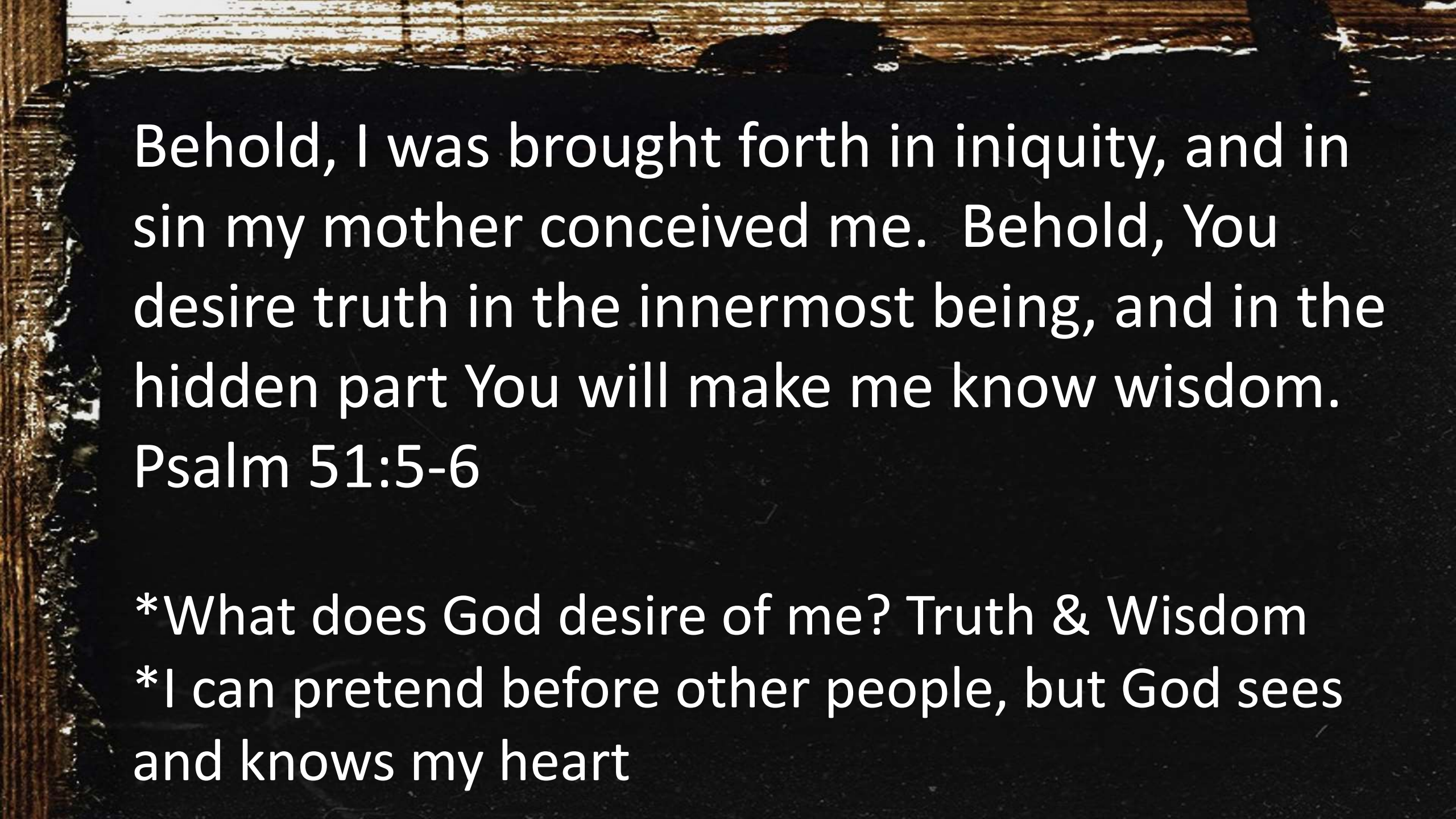
For I know my transgressions, and my sin
is ever before me. Against You, You only, I
have sinned and done what is evil in Your
sight, so that You are justified when You
speak and blameless when You judge.

Psalms 51:3-4



The recognition and acknowledgment of sin is the first step in receiving God's forgiveness. There is not one word of self-justification to be found in this psalm.

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us. 1 John 1:8-10

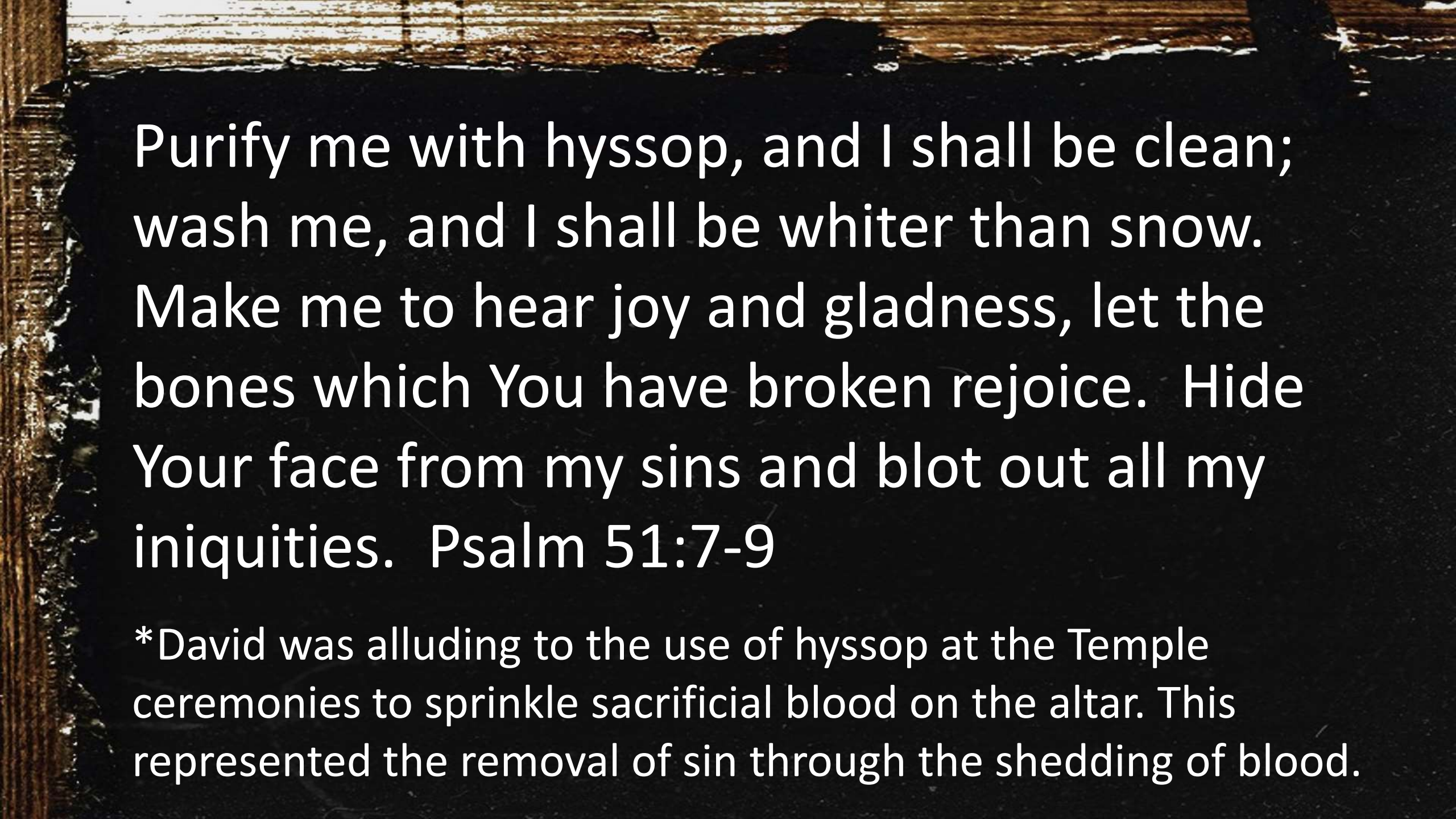


Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in
sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You
desire truth in the innermost being, and in the
hidden part You will make me know wisdom.

Psalm 51:5-6

*What does God desire of me? Truth & Wisdom

*I can pretend before other people, but God sees
and knows my heart



Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me to hear joy and gladness, let the
bones which You have broken rejoice. Hide
Your face from my sins and blot out all my
iniquities. Psalm 51:7-9

*David was alluding to the use of hyssop at the Temple ceremonies to sprinkle sacrificial blood on the altar. This represented the removal of sin through the shedding of blood.

Repentance of David

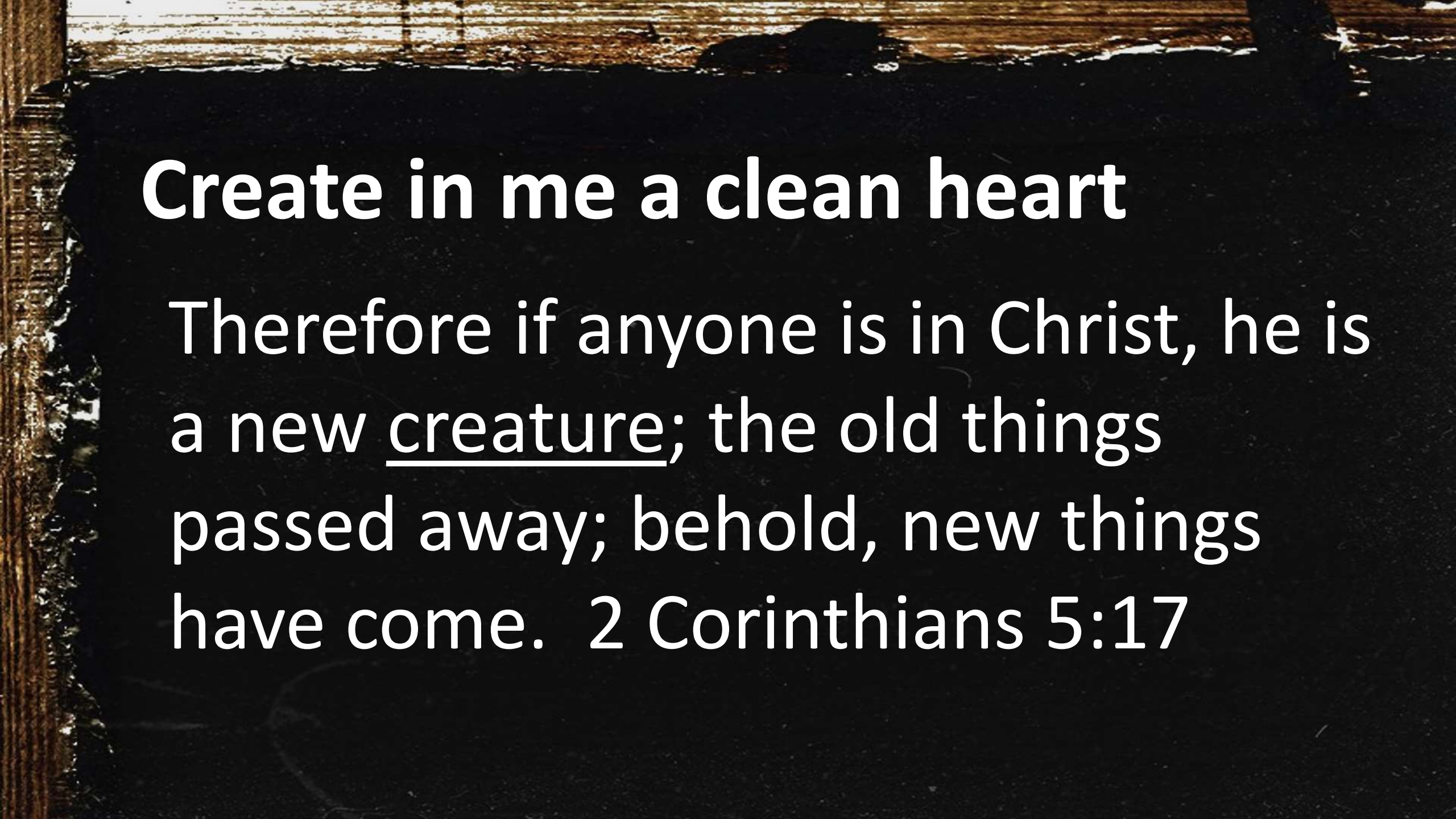
But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the Lord. 2 Samuel 11:27b

Then David said to [prophet] Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has taken away your sin; you shall not die." 2 Samuel 12:13

Create [לב טָהוֹר *bara*] in me a clean heart [לב טָהוֹר *lev tahor*], O God, and renew a steadfast spirit [רוּחַ *ruach*] within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Psalm 51:10-11

*God is the only Creator.

*Clean hearts are not earned or deserved, they are received as gifts from the Creator.



Create in me a clean heart

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is
a new creature; the old things
passed away; behold, new things
have come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation
[יְשָׁה *yesha*] and sustain me with a willing
spirit. Psalm 51:12

*People who have received the gift of salvation can
lose the JOY of that salvation due to their sin

*Our prayer in this 40 Day journey is that you will
experience the JOY of salvation... as a new gift or
as a renewed gift

Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness [regarding the death of Uriah], O God, the God of my salvation; then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness. Psalm 51:13-14

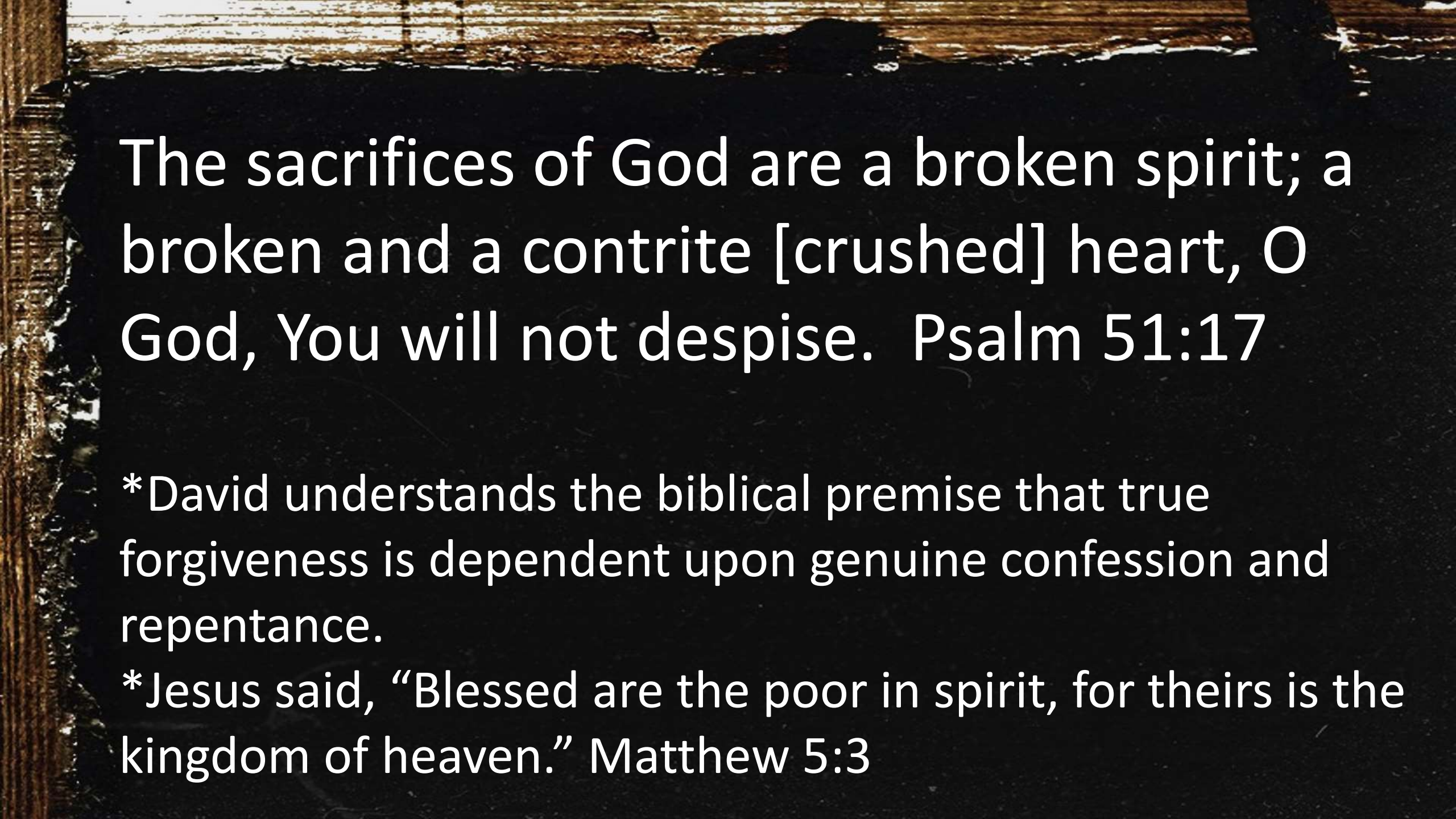
What will you do if God forgives you?

- Faithfully serve Him by:
 - Teaching others to know Him
 - Singing joyfully of His righteousness

O Lord (אֲדֹנָי Adonai), open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise. For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering.

Psalms 51:15-16

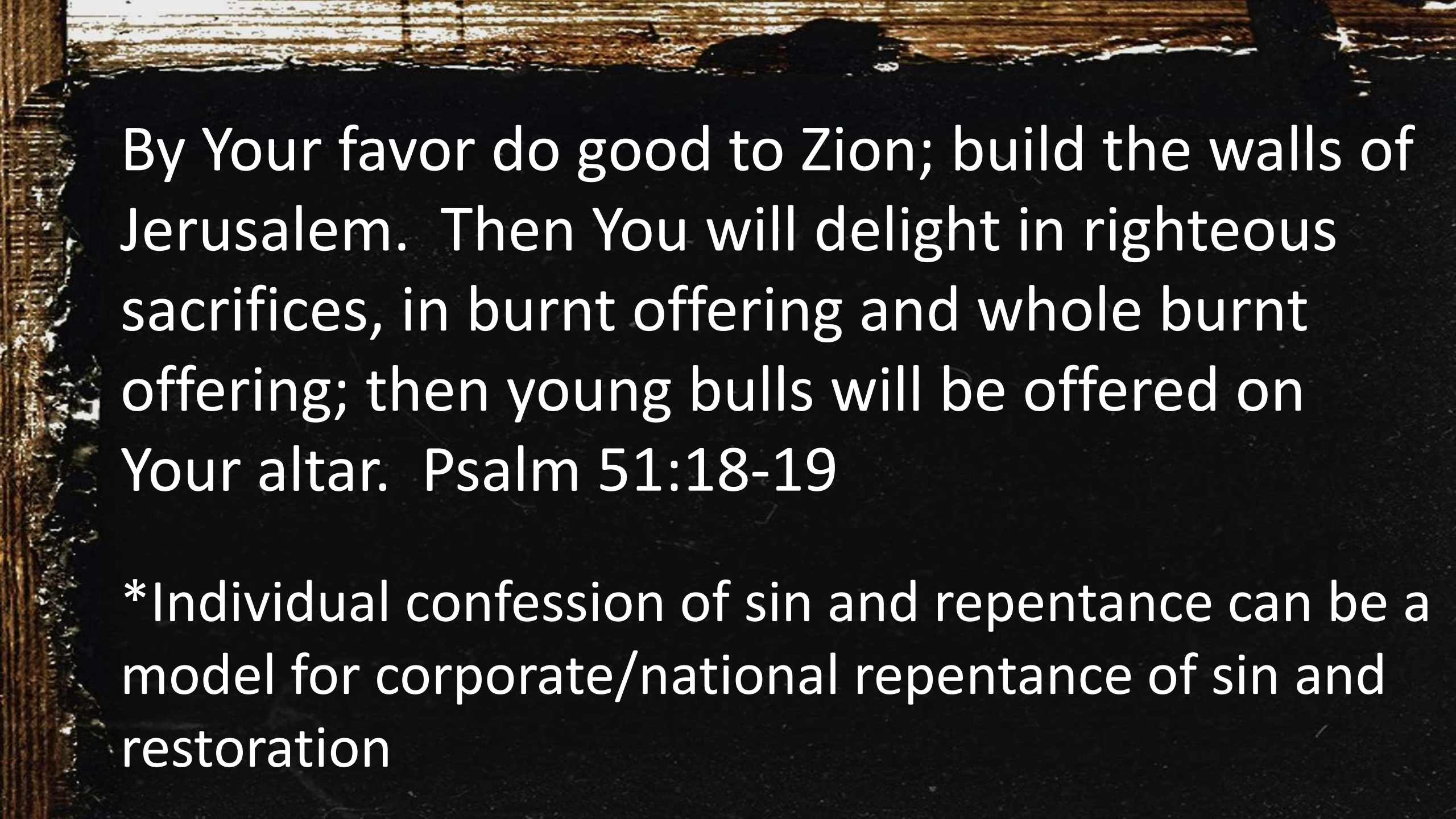
*Do I try to impress God with my actions OR do I truly worship Him with my heart?



The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite [crushed] heart, O God, You will not despise. Psalm 51:17

*David understands the biblical premise that true forgiveness is dependent upon genuine confession and repentance.

*Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3



By Your favor do good to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices, in burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then young bulls will be offered on Your altar. Psalm 51:18-19

*Individual confession of sin and repentance can be a model for corporate/national repentance of sin and restoration

Like David, have you ever:

- been tempted to sin because you are in a place you should not be?
- done something even though you know it is wrong?
- wanted something that belongs to someone else?
- schemed a way to take something important from someone else?
- treated a person as an object or a possession?
- tried to cover up your sin and blame it on others?
- caused pain for others because of your bad choices?
- asked God to give you a heart like His?

How can I walk with God?

- Recognize your sin and need of forgiveness
- Realize the costs and consequences of sin
- Call on Jesus in repentance and humility for salvation
- Seek His power to live a holy, obedient life
- Experience the joy only found in communion with God
- Help others understand who Jesus is
- Help others understand the salvation He offers

Sample prayer of salvation

Heavenly Father, I repent of my sins and open my heart to Jesus. Jesus, You are my Lord and Savior. I believe you died for my sins and you were raised from the dead. Please fill me with your Holy Spirit. Thank You Father for saving me in Jesus' name. Amen.

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